

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 1, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 15 and 16 have been amended, and claims 2, 4, 6, 9, 12, 14 and 17-47 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15 and 16 are pending in the present application.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in each of claims 4, 5, 9, 10, 14 and 15. In response, Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 4, amended claim 5 to be in independent form, amended independent claim 11 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 14, amended claim 15 to be in independent form, and amended claim 16 to incorporate the subject matter of claims 17, 18 and allowable claim 4.

With the cancellation of claims 2, 4, 6, 9, 12, 14 and 17-47, all art rejections are deemed moot.

In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration of the amendments to claims 1, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 15 and 16, and allowance of the present application with claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15 and 16 is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

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